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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT THIEU'S CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. SAIGON 14540; B. SAIGO; 14564

1. AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM THE WIRELESS FILE, THE
DEPARTMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT ON NOVEMBER 21 IN SUPPORT
OF THIEU'S CALL FOR RESUMED TALKS. WE HAVE ALSO
DISTRIBUTED THE STATEMENT TO POSTS WHERE THERE IS NO
RESIDENT GVN MISSION. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS FORTHCOMING
DECLARATION BY THIEU HAS BEEN QUITE RESPONSIVE TO THE
SUGGESTION PUT FORTH BY THE SECRETARY AND HABIB AT THEIR
SEPTEMBER 30 MEETING WITH PAC, AND TO YOUR OWN EFFORT
WITH THIEU.

2. AS YOU POINT OUT IN REF B, THIEU'S REMARKS
CONCERNING THE SETTING UP OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD REPRESENT A
SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION OF GVN'S EARLIER NEGOTIATING
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POSITION. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER INSIGHTS YOU

MIGHT PROVIDE AS TO THIS LATEST GVM FORMULATION. DESPITE
THE PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE REACTIONS TO THE THIEU SPEECH BY
THE COMMUNIST PARTIES, DOES THE GVN SEE ANY HOPE THAT THE
PRG MIGHT BE INDUCED TO RETURN TO THE LACELLE ST. CLOUD

TALKS AS A RESULT OF THE GVN PROPOSAL? IS THE GVN
GIVING ANY CONSIDERATION TO HAVING PONG PASS THIS
PROPOSAL PRIVATELY TO THE OTHER SIDE IN PARIS? INGERSOLL

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